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GUEST LECTURERS

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOVIET
WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO THE U.S. AND FOR THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND THE USSR OF MILITARY LECTURERS THIS AUTUMN ARE
GOING FORWARD WITHOUT PROPER COORDINATION WITH THIS EMBASSY.
WE ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED WASHINGTON (REF A) OF THE SOVIET
SUGGESTIONS FOR DATES FOR THE EVENTS BUT HAVE AS YET
RECEIVED NO REPLY INFORMING US OF THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE U.S.

2. MEANWHILE, REFTELS B AND C HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION
THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AGENCIES AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY CONCERNING BOTH THE SOVIET
VISITS TO THE U.S. AND THE U.S. VISIT TO THE USSR.
WE WERE FIRST INFORMED OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
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SOVIETS (REF C) AND ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED A
POUCHED MEMO FROM WASHINGTON WITH THE DETAILS OF
AN 18 JULY CONVERSATION BETWEEN DIA AND SOVIET EMBASSY.

3. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH
COULD AFFECT THE SUCCESS OF THESE TRIPS, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED TELEGRAPHICALLY OF ANY

ARRANGEMENTS WASHINGTON MAKES REGARDING THESE VISITS.
IN PARTICULAR WE BELIEVE THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL
SUCH VISITS BY U.S. PERSONNEL TO THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD
BE MADE THROUGH THIS EMBASSY AND NOT, RPT NOT, DIRECTLY
WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BESIDES
BEING BETTER ABLE TO EVALUATE THE SOVIET PROPOSALS
FOR U.S. VISITORS, THE EMBASSY AND DAO WILL BE ABLE
TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CONCERNED OFFICES AND INDIVI-
VIDUALS ON THE SOVIET SIDE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER
THE VISITS TAKE PLACE. ADDITIONALLY, IT WILL GIVE THE
EMBASSY ACCESS TO AND USEFUL CONTACTS WITH SOVIET
MILITARY WHOM IT MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE MEET.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A FULL TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF
ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE SOVIETS THUS FAR, AND A
CHANGE IN PROCEDURES WHICH WILL INSURE THAT THE EMBASSY
AND DAO WILL BE KEPT UP TO DATE AND THAT PRIMARY
ACTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR U.S. VISITS TO THE USSR
WILL LIE WITH THIS EMBASSY.

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